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Examiner Denise Tran
Art Unit 2186

Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
Amendment

DE9-1999-0050US1
(590.018)

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Request for Continued Examination

Atty. Docket No. DE9-1999-0050 US1
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Heinz Baier
Serial No. : 09/637,214 Examiner : Denise Tran
Filed : August 11, 2000 Group Art Unit : 2186
For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROGRAMMING FPGAs ON PC-
CARDS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL HARDWARE

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

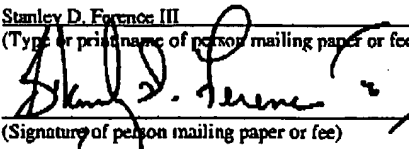
1. **Extension of Time**

- ☒ No extension of time is needed.
- ☐ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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*Request for Continued Examination*Atty. Docket No. DE9-1999-0050 US1
(590.018)2 **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

- ☐ Previously submitted
☐ Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
☐ Other _____.
- ☒ Enclosed
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☐ Other _____.

3. **Miscellaneous**

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
- ☐ Other _____.

4. **Fees**

- ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$_____ to cover the RCE fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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